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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) In a star network comprising a plurality of N nodes where N is an integer equal to or greater than three, the N nodes being intercoupled by a plurality of links, with one of the nodes being the hub node h and the other of the nodes being $\{x_1, ..., X_{N-1}\}$ spoke nodes coupled to the hub node by links each comprising a plurality of W channels going into the hub node h and out of the hub node h, where W is even, a method of configuring the nodes comprising:

(a) dividing the channels into two sets, with each set comprising W/2 channels, where the first set has channels numbered $\{0, ..., W/2 - 1\}$ and the second set has channels numbered $\{W/2, ..., W-1\}$; and

(b) configuring the hub node such that channel i on any one of the links may be coupled to channel $w(i)$ on any of the links, where $w(i)$ equals $i + W/2$ and where i is no greater than W.